SENATE BILL 650 By Woodson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 10, relative to qualifications for office of constable.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-10-102(a)(1), is amended by deleting subdivisions (A) through (E) and substituting instead the following:

- (A) Be a citizen of the United States;
- (B) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age prior to the date of qualifying for election;
 - (C) Be a qualified voter of the country;
- (D) Not have been convicted of or entered a plea of nolo contendere to any felony charge;
- (E) Not have been released, separated or discharged from the armed forces of the United States with a dishonorable discharge, or as a consequence of conviction at court-martial for either state or federal offenses;

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act do not apply to duly elected constables holding office prior to July 1, 2005.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring.